

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Order No. R1-2000-03
ID No. 1B96032RSON

Rescinding Waste Discharge Requirements

for

State of California, Department of Transportation
Russian River Bridge Replacement
State Highway 101 at Healdsburg
Bridge No. 20-0273 R/L, Post Mile 33.6/34.2

Sonoma County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, (hereinafter the Regional Water Board) finds that:

1. On June 27, 1996, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. 96-38, Waste Discharge Requirements for State of California, Department of Transportation, Russian River Bridge Replacement, State Highway 101 at Healdsburg, Bridge No. 20-0273 R/L, Post Mile 33.6/34.2. The Russian River Bridge Replacement project is located immediately south of the City of Healdsburg in Sonoma County.
2. Waste Discharge requirements Order No. 96-38 govern waste discharge from the demolition of two former substandard bridges and construction of two new replacement cast-in-place concrete box girder bridges. Additional activities included multiple diversions of the Russian River around the project and rip-rapping all riverbanks in the immediate area.
3. The project began in the summer of 1996 and was completed by late October 1999. All instream structures were removed in compliance with their Fish and Game Stream Alteration Agreement. All drainage structures and erosion control measures were installed. There is no continuing threat of erosion by storm water runoff. Since all construction activities have been completed, the waste discharge requirements should be rescinded.
4. An Amended Categorical Exemption/Exclusion Determination was prepared and approved by the California Department of Transportation FHWA Representative on February 7, 1996 to satisfy the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. The project was considered part of the seismic retrofit program. The Regional Water Board reviewed the Amended Categorical Exemption/Exclusion Determination and determined that this construction activity would not cause adverse water quality related effects if managed in conformance with Order No. 96-38.
5. Regional Water Board actions to rescind waste discharge requirements are exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq.) in accordance with Section 15061(b)(3), Title 14, California Code of Regulations.

6. The Regional Water Board has notified the State of California, Department of Transportation and interested persons and agencies of its intent to rescind waste discharge requirements for the discharge and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written comments and recommendations.
7. The Regional Water Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the proposed recession.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Order 96-38, Waste Discharge Requirements for the State of California, Department of Transportation, Russian River Bridge Replacement, State Highway 101 at Healdsburg, Bridge No. 20-0273 R/L, Post Mile 33.6/34.2 be rescinded.

Certification

I, Lee A. Michlin, Executive Officer do hereby
certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct
copy of an order adopted by the California Regional
Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region,
On January 27, 2000.

Lee A. Michlin
Executive Officer